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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **EPD to Host Q&A Session and Public Hearing in Savannah on the International Paper – Savannah Plant's Air Quality Permit Modification**

(ATLANTA – September 16, 2014) – The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a two-part forum on Tuesday, September 23 in Savannah to answer questions and also receive formal comments regarding a modification to the International Paper – Savannah plant's Air Quality Permit. International Paper – Savannah operates a Kraft pulp, paper, and paperboard mill and a corrugated paperboard container production facility at 1201 West Lathrop Avenue in Savannah.

The meetings, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude no later than 8:30 p.m., will be held in the Mary Calder Golf Course Conference Room located at 1201 West Lathrop Avenue in Savannah.

The purpose of the question and answer session is to present information and to answer questions about the air quality permitting review process for the proposed permit modification. EPD will follow the Q&A session with a public hearing to receive formal comments regarding the proposed permit modification.

"We welcome Savannah and surrounding residents to attend our meetings to find out specific details of International Paper's application to modify its existing permit," said Eric Cornwell, manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program of EPD's Air Protection Branch. "We will consider all air quality-related comments prior to making a decision whether to recommend the permit modification requested by the company."

The primary purpose of this permit amendment is to allow physical modifications to the plant's No. 13 Power Boiler. The modifications include the removal of the capability to fire fuel oil, the addition of load-bearing natural gas burners, and the optimization of combustion controls and the combustion air system. Current plantwide emission limits will experience a moderate increase.

The draft permit, PSD Preliminary Determination, and all information used to develop the draft permit are available for review at the office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. A copy of the application is available for review at the County Clerk's Office, 124 Bull Street, Room 210, Savannah, Georgia 31401 (Telephone: (912) 652-7875), along with a copy of the draft permit and PSD Preliminary Determination. Electronic files of the application, draft Title V permit, PSD Preliminary Determination are available through our internet site

<http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/html/permits/psd/main.html>.

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Comments regarding this application are due by September 26, 2014.

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**Please include "International Paper" in the subject line.**

For information on the permit application/modification or review process, please contact Eric Cornwell, 404-363-7020, or David Matos, 404-363-7127. For information about the Q&A session and public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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